

West Prospect (me) Dec 30 - 1834

Dear Bro. Phelps,

72 You know something of the cares & calls, & pressing  
labors of a pastor; & that sometimes the press of calls is so great  
as to render it impossible to meet them all "immediately."  
Such have been my circumstances since receiving your  
letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. I fear that I shall be able to make out  
but a very imperfect list of names for this Co. Owing to  
the fact that most of the towns in Wadsworth Co. have little or  
no very vigorous interest in them, I have no acquaintance  
with the inhabitants of a large portion of these towns. I will  
however do what I can. Concerning most of the <sup>men</sup> ~~persons~~ in  
the following list, I have no means of knowing their present  
views of Slavery, & its Abolition. I shall keep my eye principally  
on one circumstance which you mention, to give the names  
of such <sup>so far as I know the</sup> men as will be good for something should they become  
friendly to the cause.

Belfast. Rev Silas McKean, Rev Mrs Frothingham, Hon Alfred Johnson Jr - Hon Judge  
Read. Hon John S. Kimball. Bailey Pierce, Trye Hall, James Layworthy,  
Portius Johnson & Sam<sup>l</sup> Gordon ~~Esq~~. Edwin Beaman, Esq -  
Belmont.

Brooks. Phineas Ashmun, Timothy Thorendike Esq & Dr Roberts  
Burnham

Camden. Mr Jones, Merchant. Hon Jona<sup>n</sup> Thayer. Chas R. Porter, Mrs Barton Esq

Frankfort. Archibald Jones Esq, P.M. Benj<sup>n</sup> Shaw, Walter Pierce, Webster Kelly  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Johnson, Geo. Walliburton, Sam<sup>l</sup> Merrill Esq, & Dr E. Abbott  
Freedom. Dr. Thamar Bellows, Rev Daniel Pickett, Jere. Curtis, Joseph Wockey Esq,  
Eld. John True, Mr Henry Dodge.

Hope. Eld. Rich. William Battie Esq  
Islesboro. Josiah Tarrar, & Mighill Parker Esq. #  
Jackson. Ezra Abbot, Isaac Abbot, Joseph Pillsbury Esq & B. Johnson P.M.

# Doubtful. + Abolitionist.



Knox, Samuel Tilton, James Campson, John Haskell Esq,  
Liberty, Son. Hogg, Ch. Walker, X  
Lincolntonville, Saml. A. Whitney

Northport, Jonathan Kolbrook, David Alden Jr & Henry Brown Esq<sup>s</sup> <sup>Jones</sup> <sup>Shane</sup>  
Palermo, Jonathan Greely, Dr - Ayer, Tho<sup>s</sup> Eastman Esq, Pell, <sup>N</sup> <sup>E</sup>  
Monroe, Luther Parker, Isaac Wacker ~~Dr Ayer, Tho Eastman Esq, Pell~~  
Montrille, E. Everett, Timothy Copp, Robie Frye, Mrs Bunningham Esq<sup>s</sup> <sup>to the</sup> McNeill's  
West Prospect, Andrew Leach Esq, Pell, L. Fowler, W. A. Stone, Jas. Blanchard & Green  
Pondition, Esqs. Captains David Nichols, L. P. Pondition & Merithew,  
& Isaac Carver; Messrs Son. Gilmore, Mrs Treat, Jas. Dook, & Mrs. Nichols.  
Prospect, N. Stowers Esq, Pell, Mrs French E, Louisa L. Clifford, Saml. French  
North Prospect, John McEgan, Mrs P. Mudgett, L. S. McEgan, E. Batchelder Jr. X  
Seas mount, Esq. Patten, Mr. Smith.  
Sveinville, John Greely, H. W. Bunningham, Joseph Smith, B. Warren.  
Troy, Christopher Varney Esq, Barnet M. Mitchell  
Thorsdike, Joseph Shane, Solomon Stone, Stephen Jones, Eld Higgins X  
Unity, Ed E. Coy, Dr. Burnham - Dr Knowles, Mr. Farwell  
Waldo, Henry Davidson Esq, Pell, John McBlane.

The above list of names is the best that I can give.  
Should be glad if I could mark more of them as known  
abolitionists. In regard to most of them I have no knowledge  
of their sentiments on this exciting subject. When at the Au-  
gusta Convention I could not tell of another abolitionist in the  
County; & hence I was honored with the office of Sec. Pro.  
I now know of a few whole-hearted abolitionists, & of many whose  
confidence in Colonization is gone as a remedy for Slavery is  
gone; & who evidently begin to look favorably upon the cause  
of Abolition. My own ppl I think are coming round gradually.  
I gave them a sermon on the subject Thanksgiving-day, 1840  
which was pretty highly seasons; & it was kindly recd. I do  
not think the time has yet come to push them to give



much for the cause. They need further light.

I rejoice that such men as Binney & Wild have entered the field as agents. Their influence must be felt. It will ~~be~~ be heard disparaging them. From the last Minn I perceive that a "new movement" is to be disclosed - A new organization is what I most dread. It seems to me that awful responsibility must rest on the men who form it. I pray that the evils which I fear may be averted. My solace is that the Lord reigns. That good men who approve of the fundamental principles of the A. S. S. S. should refuse to join, & seek a new channel through which to make their influence felt, must be accounted for, (as it seems to me) on principles which they will not like to review in the day of death, & at the judgment bar. I have had very plain talks on this subject with Bro. McKee. I think he cannot long stand aloof from any cause, without contending with his own conscience; unless a new organization shall prove a quietus.

I sh. be happy to hear from you whenever convenient. I command me to any service in the good cause consistent with my other duties. I am more & more attached to it. Was sorry that you could not visit us again.

I enclose two dollars for the Emancipator for one year beginning with the first of Jan - to be directed to me at New Prospect Ave,

Truly & affectionately yours Bro, H

Stephen Thurston



West Prospect  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan'y.

Paid 18<sup>3</sup>4

Rev Amos A. Phelps

Agent of the A. A. S. Soc.,

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Dec. 30. 1834

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